



CHATHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
*Chatham, Massachusetts 02633*

## **Historical Properties Inventory Introduction**

In accordance with its mandate, the Chatham Historical Commission is working to complete an inventory of all historic houses in Chatham. Hundreds of our historic properties have already been inventoried and, in addition to becoming part of the archives of the Mass. Historic Commission, those forms are available for reference at the Eldredge Public Library and the Chatham Historical Society.

Commissioners are continuing research work to complete historic inventories of the ever-growing list of historic properties (75 years or older) that have not yet been inventoried. The completed survey will be an indispensable research document for the public, as well as powerful evidence of the rich history of our town.

We need your help! Local homeowners and residents are likely to be our best--and sometimes only--source of information on these homes. In some cases, we have already gathered some information and are trying to verify or add to it. In others, we know little or nothing. We are asking you to tell us what you know about your house, both in the present as well as from the past.

We are particularly interested in anything you can tell us about the history of the house, including stories and any other interesting or significant information about previous owners. That would include who originally designed, built, and/or lived in the house, uses other than residential (such as shop, workshop, artist's studio, etc.) and any other information that might be relevant about the property's past. We would also like to know of any alterations and additions, or if the house was moved from a different location.

The Historical Commission is very grateful for your cooperation in this endeavor.